### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

### HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: _P.G. #87A-21	Building Date: 1904-05	
Building Name: <u>Canter House (Covingto</u>	on Farm Buildings)	
Location: 17300 Aquasco Farm Road, Aq	quasco, Maryland	
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Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

### Description

The Canter house is a two-story gable roof frame structure on farm property west of Aquasco Farm Road. It has an "L" shaped plan, the back wing contemporary with the rest of the structure. The three bay east (front) facade has central entrance through a 12 panel door with six square lower panels having central bullseyes, a central horizontal panel with incised garland design, two vertical panels and a row of three square panels with the bullseye design at the top of the door. The entrance is flanked by two 2/2 double hung sash windows on the first story and three 2/2 windows on the second. Centered at attic level is a cross-gable with a lunette window. There is an "L" shaped entrance porch across the east and south facades. It has turned wood posts with jig-sawn brackets. The house has horizontal wood siding and an asphalt shingle roof. The six-bay south facade has an entrance flanked by two 2/2 windows. A two-story semi- octagonal projecting bay is on the southeast side of the facade, under the gable end. There is a corbelled brick chimney on the south slope of the roof. A new, one-story, three-bay hipped roof addition fills in the ell on the west (rear) facade. The north gable end is unfenestrated with a corbelled brick chimney at the gable ridge. A stable and two barns northeast of the house were built in 1915 by the builder of the house.

### <u>Significance</u>

The Canter House was built in 1905-06 on the site of an earlier house by Henry E. and Andrew M. Canter, who acquired 400 acres, known as Part of Covington, in 1896. The house and property has been owned by the Canter family since that time. The property surrounding the house was known as Covington's Fields in the 18th century. The ca. 1742 grave of Leonard Covington is east of the Canter House, close to the Patuxent River. A old barn on the Canter property was perhaps part of an earlier farm complex. The house was built in the cross-gable style popular in the County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Important details include its "L" shaped porch, ornate jigsawn brackets, classical entrance and two story south-facing semi-octagonal bay. The house is significant as an adaptation of a late 19th century County style that has remained in the same family for 80 years. The outbuildings were built with the house, forming a farm complex of the same period. All the buildings are in good repair. The site is also significant for its use as a farm dating to at least 1742.

Acreage: 146.59 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Canter house is a two-story gable roof frame structure situated on farm property, directly west of Aquasco Farm Road. It has an "L" shaped plan, the rear wing probably contemporary with the rest of the structure.

The three bay east (front) facade has central entrance through a 12 panel door. The six square lower panels have central bullseyes, arranged in rows of three. There is a central horizontal panel with an incised garland design, two vertical panels and a row of three square panels with the bullseye design at the top of the door. The door has a wide banded two-light sidelights and a three-light transom. The entrance is flanked by two 2/2 double hung sash windows on the first story. There are three 2/2 windows on the second story. The windows are surrounded by narrow trim with a bead. Centered on the facade at attic level is a cross-gable with a lunette window.

The hipped roof entrance porch crosses the east facade and wraps around the south gable end. It has overhanging eaves and a plain cornice resting on turned wood posts with jig-sawn brackets. The house has horizontal wood siding and an asphalt shingle roof.

The south gable end os the main block has a two-story, semi-octagonal projecting bay with three windows on the first and second stories. There is a central corbelled brick chimney on the south slope of the gable roof. The north gable end is unfenestrated, with a corbelled brick chimney at the gable ridge.

The two-story three-by-one bay gable roofed wing projects from the southwest corner of the main block. The three-bay south facade has a central entrance flanked by 2/2 windows. The facade is sheltered by the one-story entrance porch which wraps around the east and south facades. The west gable end of the wing is unfenestrated. The north facade has two bays.

There is a new, one-story, three-bay hipped roof addition filling the inner corner of the ell on the west (rear) facade. It is sided with aluminum siding and rests on a cement block foundation.

There is a stable and two barns to the northeast of the house. These were built in 1915 by the builder of the house. There is a small gable roof frame shed to the south and one to the west of the house.

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Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Canter House was built in 1905-06 on the site of an earlier house that burned. It was built by Henry E. and Andrew M. Canter who acquired the house site and the surrounding 400 acres, known Covington Farm, in  $1896.^2$  The house and a part of the property has been owned by the Canter family since that time.  $^3$ 

The property surrounding the Canter House was known as Covington's Fields in the eighteenth century.<sup>4</sup> The grave of Leonard Covington, dated 1742, can be found on the Adams farm, east of the Canter House, closer to the Patuxent River.<sup>5</sup> There is a very old barn on the Canter property southeast of the house that was perhaps a part of an earlier farm complex.

The Canter House is a large structure built in the cross-gable style popular in the County in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Important details include its long, wrap around porch with ornate jigsawn brackets, its classical entrance and its two-story south-facing semioctagonal bay.

The Canter House is significant for its adaptation of a traditional late nineteenth century County style. It has for 80 years remained in the ownership of the family that built it. The outbuildings were built at the same time as the house, forming a farm complex of the same period. All the buildings are in good repair. The site is also significant for its history, its use as a farm dating to at least 1742.6

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Notes, #8

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organization Historic	Preservation Commiss	sion	date Sept. 1985
street & number 14741	Governor Oden Bowie	Drive	telephone 952-3521
city or town Upper Marlb	oro		state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Maryland Historical Trust

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21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 269-2438

### #8 Continued

### Notes

- <sup>1</sup> Conversation with Blanche Canter, May 1985.
- 2 Land Records of Prince George's County, JWB 34:687, 1896.
- <sup>3</sup> <u>Ibid</u> and 4882:111, 1978.
- Stones and Bones, Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, Jean A. Sargent, edit., Prince George's County Genealogical Society, Inc., Bowie, Maryland, 1984, pg. 567.
- 5 Ibid.
- 6 Ibid.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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#### CHAIN OF TITLE

# Canter House (Covington Farm) P.G. #87A-21

#4882:111 10 Jan 1978 Deed Ford M. James and Alvin E. Canter to Irene C. Savage and Blanche L. Canter, as tenants in common; 157.9758 acres in Aquasco District; interest of grantors in residue of a tract known as Part of Covington as recorded in JWB #34:687, including a half interest conveyed by #72:215 (with an exception of 85 acres conveyed by #710:191); same which grantors acquired by deed recorded immediately prior hereto.

#4882:107 10 Jan 1978 Deed

V..R. Shackelford, Jr., foreign personal representative of the estate of Edna Canter James of Orange County, Virginia, under Administration #24,710, to Ford M. James, Irene C. Savage, Blanche L. Canter and Alvin E. Canter, heirs at law of Edna C. James; 157.9758 acres in Aquasco District, residue of a tract known as Part of Covington as conveyed by JWB #34:687, including a one-half interest described in #72:215 (85 acres excepted); of the deceased's one-third undivided portion of the tract, which she acquired by will recorded WDA #3:161, 53.95% was conveyed to Ford M. James, 15.35% to Irene C. Savage, 15.35% to Blanche L. Canter and 15.35% to Alvin E. Canter.

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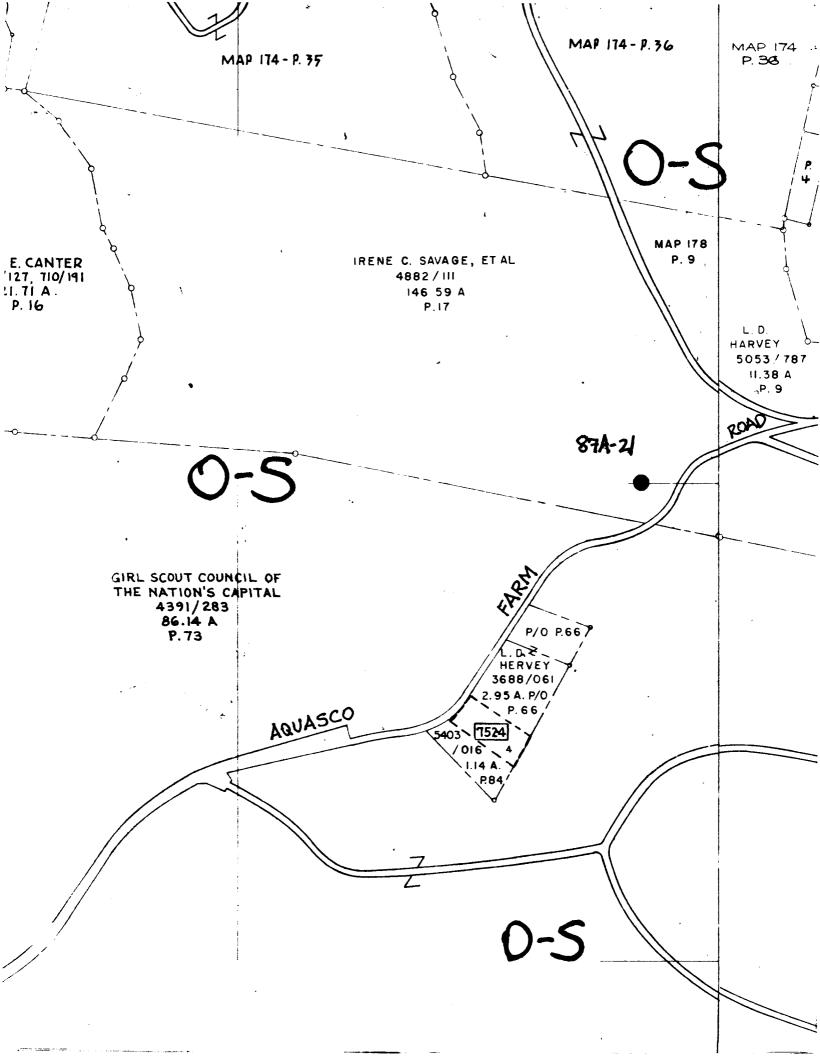
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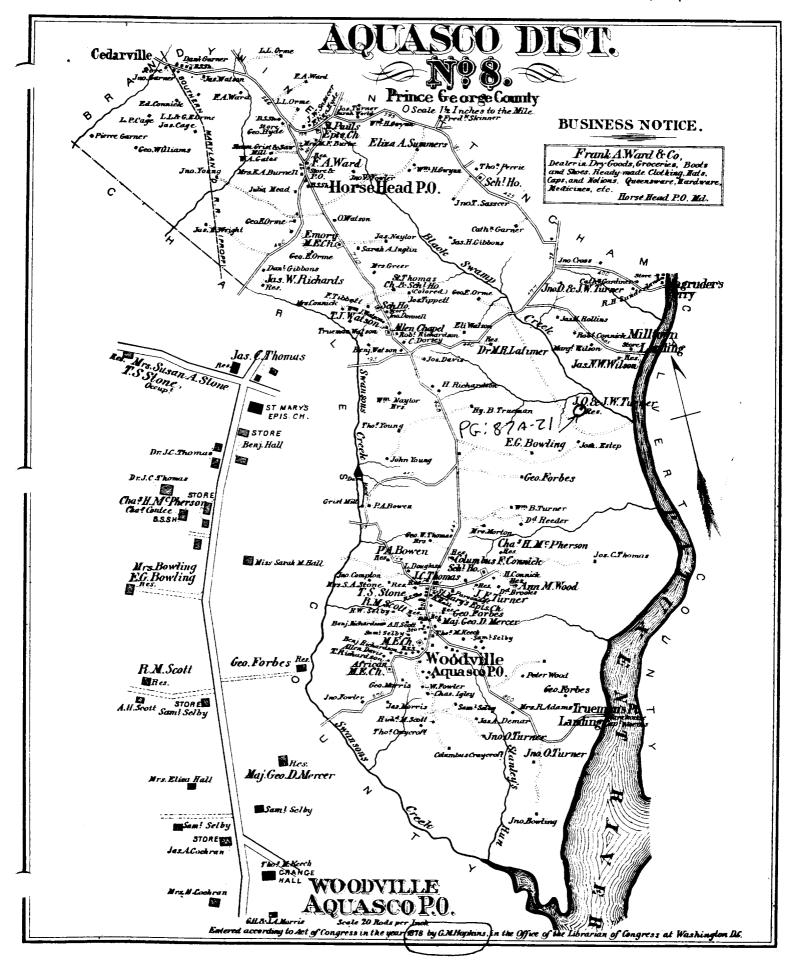
#2281:127 16 Dec 1958 Deed Alvin E. Canter, one of the heirs at law of Henry E. Canter and one of the devisees of Maggie V. Canter, and Dorothy Canter, his wife, to Irene C. Savage, Blanche E. Canter and Edna C. James; 315 acres in Aquasco District, part of Covington; interest of grantor in tract which was conveyed by JWB #34:687.

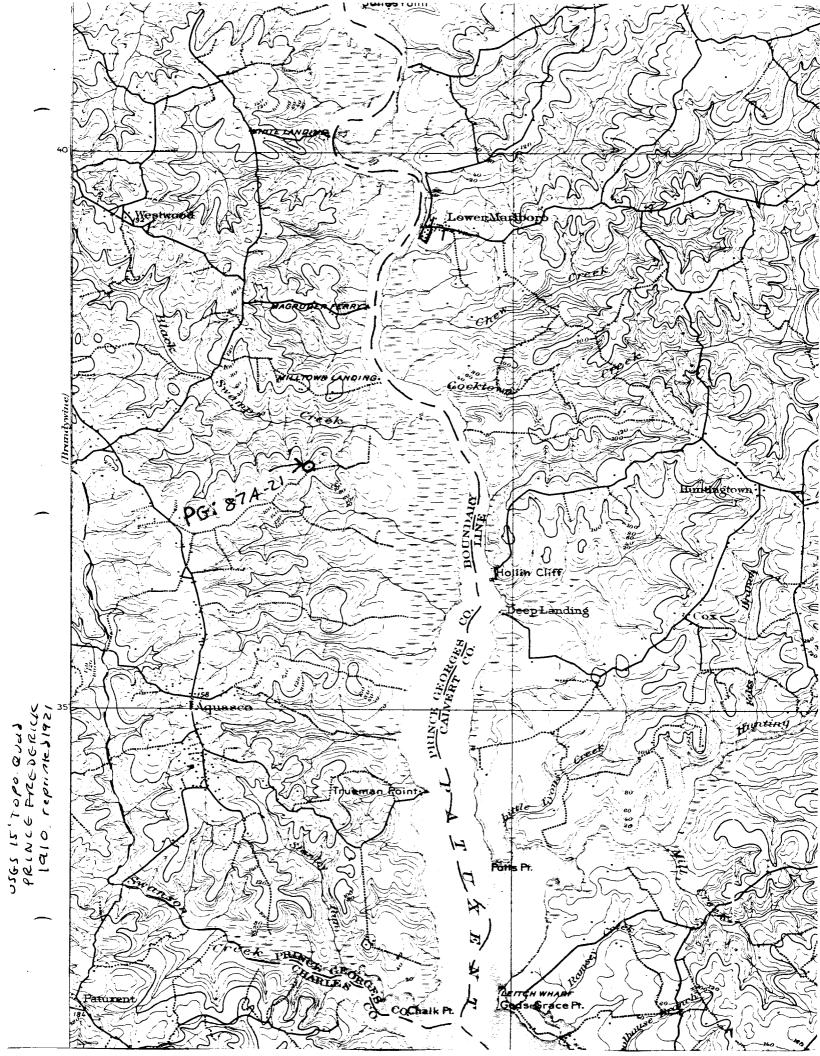
WDA #3:161 22 Jul 1958 Will Estate of Maggie Virginia Canter who died 17 May 1958; deceased devised all her real estate, consisting of 315 acres in Aquasco District, to her three daughters, Irene E. Savage, Blanche E. Canter and Mary E. Canter, to be divided equally.

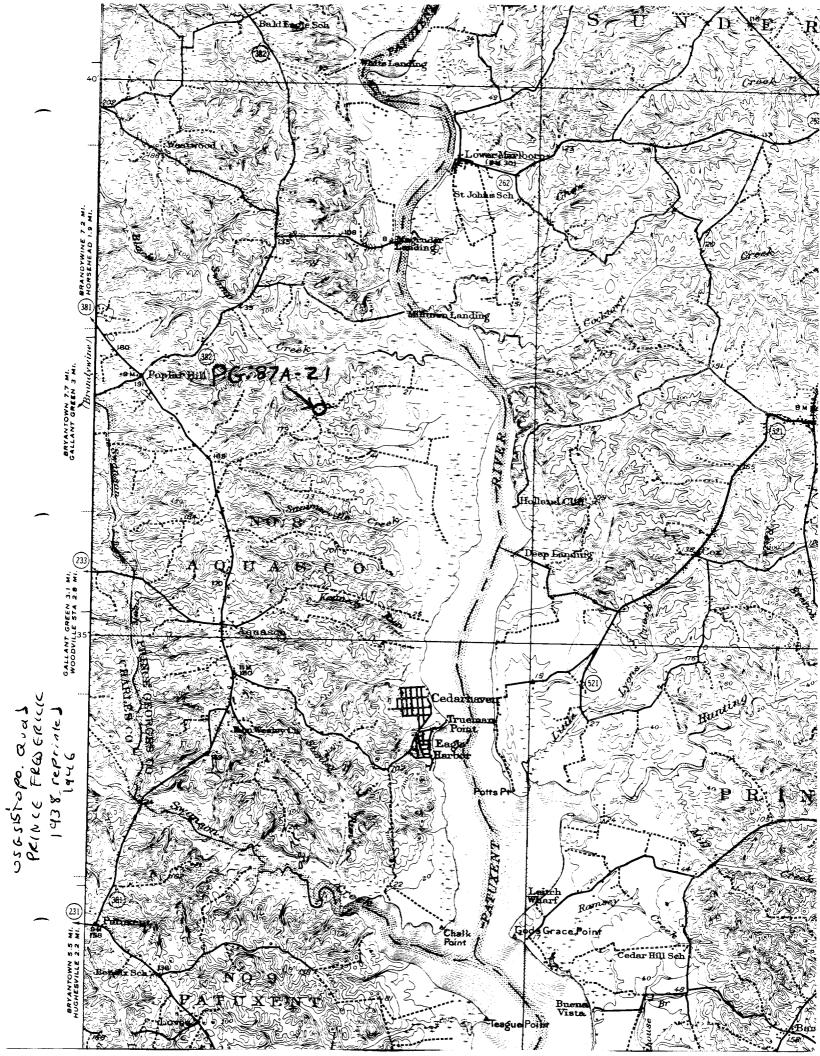
#72:215 14 Mar 1911 Deed For \$1,500, Andrew M. and Ola R. Canter to Henry E. and Maggie V. Canter; grantors' one-half interest in a tract known as Part of Covington; same land which was conveyed by JWB #34:687.

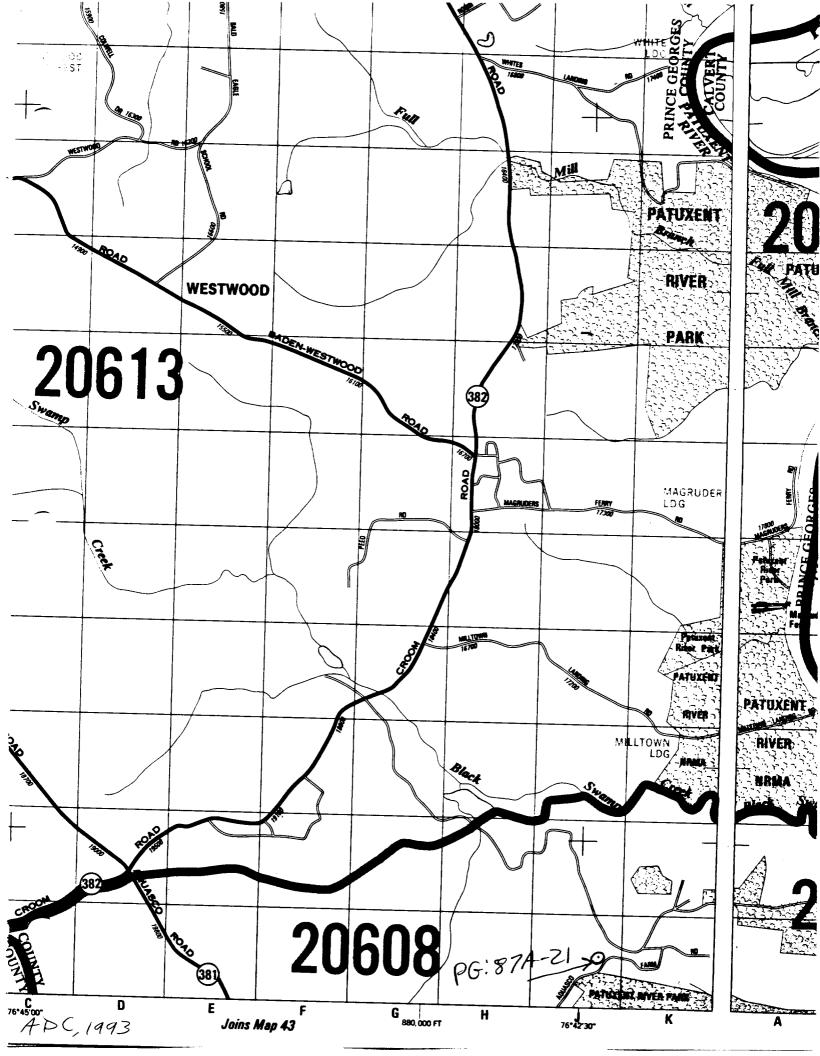
JWB #34:687 11 Mar 1896 Deed For \$2,800, John T. and Margaret S. Ballaneger to Henry E. and Andrew M. Canter; 400 acres known as Part of Covington; same which grantors acquired 10 Oct 1895 from Phil W. Chew, attorney, after default in mortgage recorded JWB #19:680.



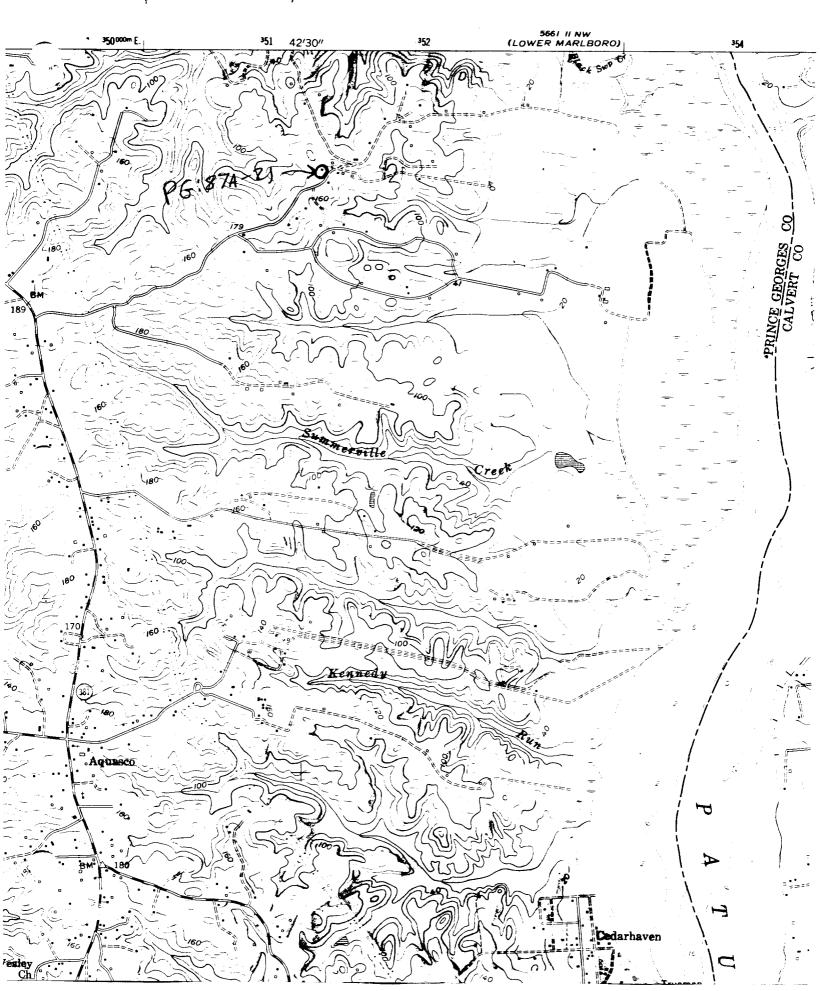








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Marina King May 1985

East elevation

Canter House (Coung ton Farm)
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Canter House (Coving ten Farm)
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
May 1985
Northwest elevation

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May 1985
Southeast elevation
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Canter House (Coving for Farm)
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
May 1985
East entrance

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ADAMS FARM - BARNS (COVINGTON FARM) PG:87A-21 LOCATION END OF AQUASCO FARM Rd AQUASCO, Md FACADE LOOKING NE PHOTO TAKEN 6/11/74 MOWYER



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